CHAPTER 4—SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

§ 165. Superintendent; disbursing agent; pension money of inmates

The chief executive officer of Saint Elizabeths Hospital shall be a superintendent, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. The superintendent shall be a well-educated physician, possessing competent experience in the care and treatment of the insane; he shall reside on the premises and devote his whole time to the welfare of the institution; he shall, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, appoint a responsible disbursing agent for the institution, and the said superintendent shall engage and discharge all needful and useful employees in the care of the insane and all laborers on the farm and determine their wages and duties. The said disbursing agent, under the direction of the superintendent, shall have the custody of and pay out all moneys appropriated by Congress for Saint Elizabeths Hospital, or otherwise received for the purposes of the hospital, and all moneys received by the superintendent in behalf of the hospital or its patients, and keep an accurate account or accounts thereof. The said disbursing agent shall deposit in the Treasury of the United States, under the direction of the superintendent, all funds now in the hands of the superintendent or which may be intrusted to him by or for the use of patients, which will be kept in a separate account; and the said disbursing agent is authorized to draw therefrom, under the direction of the said superintendent, from time to time, under such regulations as the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare may prescribe, for the use of such patients, but not to exceed for any one patient the amount intrusted to the superintendent on account of such patient. With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the disbursing agent may invest funds of the account in excess of current needs in interest-bearing obligations of the United States with maturities suitable for the needs of the account, and any interest on such investment shall be credited to and form a part of the account. During the time that any pensioner shall be an inmate of Saint Elizabeths Hospital all money due or becoming due upon his or her pension shall be paid by the Veterans' Administration to the superintendent or disbursing agent of the hospital, upon a certificate by such superintendent that the pensioner is an inmate of the hospital and is living, and such pension money shall be by said superintendent or disbursing agent disbursed and used, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, for the benefit of the pensioner, and, in case of a male pensioner, his wife, minor children, and dependent parents, or, if a female pensioner, her minor children, if any, in the order named, and to pay his or her board and maintenance in the hospital, the remainder of such pension money, if any, to be placed to the credit of the pensioner and to be paid to the pensioner or the guardian of the pensioner in the event of his or her discharge from the hospital; or, in the event of the death of said pensioner while an inmate of said hospital, shall, if a female pensioner, be paid to her minor children, and, in the case of a male pensioner, be paid to his wife, if living; if no wife survives him, then to his minor children; and in case there is no wife nor minor children, then the said unexpended balance to his or her credit shall be applied to the general uses of said hospital: *Provided*, That in the case of any pensioner transferred to the hospital from the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers any pension money to his credit at said home at the time of his said transfer shall be transferred with him to said hospital and placed to his credit therein, to be expended as provided in this section, and in case of his return from said hospital to the home any balance to his credit at said hospital shall in like manner be transferred to said home, to be expended in accordance with the rules established in regard thereto.

(As amended Dec. 19, 1977, Pub. L. 95-215, § 9, 91 Stat. 1508.)

AMENDMENTS

1977—Pub. L. 95-215 provided that, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the disbursing agent may invest funds of the account in excess of current needs in interest-bearing obligations of the United States with maturities suitable for the needs of the account, and any interest on such investment shall be credited to and form a part of the account.

CHAPTER 7—NATIONAL CEMETERIES

§ 295a. Arlington Memorial Amphitheater

MEMORIAL TO VETERANS OF VIETNAM CONFLICT

Pub. L. 95-479, title III, § 307, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1566, provided that: "The Secretary of Defense shall have placed in the Trophy Hall of the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery a memorial plaque which shall bear the following inscription: 'The people of the United States of America pay tribute to those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served honorably in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict.'. To further honor those members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in

hostile action in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict, the Secretary of Defense shall have placed near such plaque in a suitable repository a display of the Purple Heart Medal and other medals, ribbons, and decorations associated with service in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict."